**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s):** Ronald Goenner**Examiner:** Thomas R. Hannon**Application** 10/634,007**Confirmation** 5046**Filed:** August 4, 2003**Group Art** 3682**For:** **ONE PIECE THRUST-PLATE/SHAFT ASSEMBLY FOR  
HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action of April 7, 2005 for the above-identified patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.☐ A fee for additional claims is required.

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Total Claims	14	- 17	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

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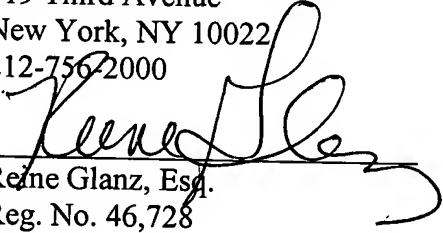
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Respectfully submitted,

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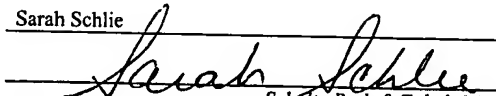
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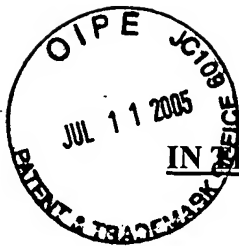
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 7, 2005**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 7, 2005, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on July 7, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and to further examine the application in view of the following amendments and comments thereto.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.